



DMCJA Board of Governors Meeting
Sunday, June 4, 2023 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Centennial Hotel, Spokane, WA
Conference Line: 833-774-8844

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Chair, Judge Rick Leo
Judge Anita Crawford-Willis
Judge Jessica Giner
Judge Jeffrey D. Goodwin
Judge Carolyn M. Jewett
Judge Catherine McDowall
Judge Lloyd Oaks
Judge Kevin Ringus
Judge Whitney Rivera
Judge Charles D. Short
Judge Jeffrey Smith
Judge Karl Williams
Commissioner Paul Wohl
Judge Tam Bui, BJA Representative
Judge Mary Logan, BJA Representative

Members Absent:

Judge Michael Frans
Judge Dan B. Johnson, BJA Representative
Judge Rebecca Robertson, BJA Representative

Guests:

Trish Kinlow, DMCMA, via Conference Line

AOC Staff:

Stephanie Oyler, Primary DMCJA Staff
Tracy Dugas, Court Program Specialist
Brenden Higashi, PhD., DMCJA Policy Analyst
Dexter Mejia, AOC Court Services Div. Asst. Director

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Rick Leo, District and Municipal Court Judges' Association (DMCJA) President, noted a quorum was present and called the DMCJA Board of Governors (Board) meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Minutes

The minutes from the May 5, 2023 meeting were previously distributed to the members. Judge Leo asked if there were any changes that needed to be made to the minutes. There being no changes, the minutes were approved by consensus.

LIAISON REPORTS

A. Superior Court Judges' Association (SCJA)

SCJA President-Elect Judge Kristin Ferrera was not present.

B. District and Municipal Court Management Association (DMCMA)

DMCMA President LaTricia Kinlow was present on the conference line and did not submit a written report. Trish thanked DMCJA for their support of the first administrators' academy in May. Pam Dittman from the AOC Education team is putting together a summary of the event that will be shared with DMCJA. Trish shared that she will be the new President of DMCMA as of July 1, with Frankie Peters as

the new President-Elect and Therese Murphy as Vice President. Judge Leo acknowledged the importance of the work of DMCMA and administrators' contributions to our courts.

C. Misdemeanant Probation Association (MPA)

Representative Regina Alexander was not present.

D. Washington State Association for Justice (WSAJ)

Representative Mark O'Halloran was not present.

E. Washington State Bar Association (WSBA)

Representative Brent Williams-Ruth was not present.

F. Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

State Court Administrator Dawn Marie Rubio was not present.

G. Board for Judicial Administration (BJA)

Representative Judge Logan reported that for the Budget and Funding Committee, state budget requests this year will be for supplemental requests only versus new projects and programs. Representative Judge Bui reported for Court Education that 70 new administrators attended the academy, and 40 more experienced administrators also attended. The new Chair of the Court Education Committee will be Judge Pennell from the Court of Appeals.

Brief discussion ensued about DMCJA's ongoing funding needs, especially for education and therapeutic courts. Judge Leo mentioned that DMCJA will still be pursuing the FAIR Court project but likely not through a supplemental budget request this year.

H. Judicial Information System (JIS)

AOC Associate Director Dexter Mejia submitted a report which is included in the packet. CLJ-CMS staff are here at conference to demonstrate the CLJ-CMS system for anyone who is curious. Dexter shared that the project is now on track for receiving fixes for the outstanding issues by the end of this month and that pilot courts are still targeting September 18 as their go-live date, and that AOC will also be sending out a solicitation for the new integration platform for which DMCJA advocated during the 2023 legislative session.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Bylaws Committee

Judge Kristian Hedine was not present and there was not a report filed.

B. Diversity Committee

Judge Willie Gregory was not present and there was not a report filed.

C. DOL Liaison Committee

Judge Angelle Gerl was not present but she filed minutes from the committee meeting on March 13, 2023 and minutes from the subcommittee for Therapeutic Court Model for Relicensing meeting on April 10, 2023.

D. Education Committee

Judge Jeffrey R. Smith reported that he met the conference keynote speaker, Dr. Eberhardt, and he is looking forward to her presentation.

E. Judicial Assistance Services Program (JASP)

Judge Mary Logan reported that JASP is very close to launching the self-guided anger management program. A new blurb on JASP will be added to Inside Courts soon, to explain the work of the committee and how to contact them if there is a need. Judge Logan shared that she will be attempting to connect with the SCJA Work Life Balance Committee, and would like for JASP to be more proactive instead of reactive in general.

F. Legislative Committee

Judge Kevin Ringus reported that since the legislative session is over, the DMCJA Executive Legislative Committee's work has been completed for the year, and the work will now shift back to the regular Legislative Committee. Legislative Committee met recently to discuss three proposals submitted by DMCJA members for the upcoming session, and they anticipate receiving one additional proposal. The Committee will submit a memo to the DMCJA Board when they are ready to proceed with a recommendation for the 2024 Legislative Session.

G. Public Outreach Committee

Judge Michelle K. Gehlsen was not present.

H. Rules Committee

Judge Catherine McDowall reported that the year-long summary of Rules highlights is included in the business meeting packet and they will be giving a short report during conference.

I. Therapeutic Courts Committee

Judge Jenifer Howson was not present and no report was filed.

J. Conference Planning Committee

Judge Andrea Beall was not present but there is a report in the file.

K. Long Range Planning Committee

Judge Williams provided a written report.

ACTION

There were no action items.

DISCUSSION

A. Courts Helping Courts Ad Hoc Workgroup

Judge Leo reported that there has been an issue brewing recently where judges are behaving disrespectfully to staff and that concerns have been expressed to him from various sources. At the Board Retreat in May, Judge Robertson volunteered to head a workgroup that would work on drafting processes and charges for a new standing committee. Judge Leo noted that the working title of this group had been "Courts Helping Courts" but this is also the name of a DMCMA group that has a slightly different focus, so he would like the Board to consider other name options. In addition, he would like to see more volunteers from the Board participate on the initial workgroup in order to generate more ideas about how to tackle this issue. Discussion ensued, and Judicial Leadership Development was established as a new working title. Judges Logan, McDowall, Giner, and Leo will participate on the workgroup.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Judge Leo brought the following informational item to the Board's attention.

- A. July Board Meeting Cancelled
- B. September Board Meeting to be held on September 20, 2023 from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the Tulalip Resort Casino after Fall conference adjourns in-person for board members, committee chairs and BJA representatives only. A Zoom link will be provided for liaisons. Lunch will be served.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Attendee Information Sharing
- B. The next DMCJA Board Meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2023 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. via Zoom Video conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.